

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF MONTANA  
Case No. DA 09-0578

HERMAN GONZALES; FAWN LYONS; KEN LAUDATO; LAWRENCE  
WALKER; GARY MANSIKKA; GARY GALETTI; GREG WHITING;  
MARVIN KRONE; RICHARD BLACK; JIM KELLY; CHRIS SOUSLEY, and  
all others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs and Appellees,

-VS-

MONTANA POWER COMPANY; NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, a  
Delaware corporation; NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION, a Delaware  
corporation, as a reorganized debtor, subsequent to its plan confirmation,  
hereinafter referred to as NOR; NORTHWESTERN CORPORATION d/b/a  
NORTHWESTERN ENERGY; PUTMAN AND ASSOCIATES, INC., a Montana  
corporation; and JOHN DOES II and III and JOHN DOES IV thru XX,

Defendants and Appellants.

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*Ed Smith*  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

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**ORDER EXTENDING BRIEFING SCHEDULE**

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UPON AGREEMENT by the parties and good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the briefing schedule shall be as follows:

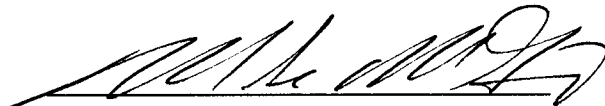
January 22 for the Appellants' Opening Briefs, February 22 for the Response  
Brief, and 14 days after filing of the Response Brief for the Reply Briefs.

FURTHER, the agreement on the briefing schedule does not affect  
Appellants' Responses to Appellees' Motion for Expedited Proceedings and

Suspension of the Rules as to the expediting a decision of the Court on the interlocutory appeal of a class certification order. The Appellees' Motion to Expedite Proceedings, will be ready for ruling after Appellees' responses are filed.

DATED this 18 day of December, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

  
Supreme Court Justice

c: Lon J. Dale  
Chris J. Ragar  
Oliver H. Goe/Chad Adams/Chad Vanisko  
Jason S. Ritchie/Jeanne M. Bender  
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